



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$42,000.00); and

FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT
THOUSAND AND, FIVE HUNDRED
AND FORTY DOLLARS
(\$138,540.00)

Defendants.

Civil Case No.: 07C 7147

HON GETTLEMEAN

VERIFIED CLAIM

FILED

JAN 28 2008

MICHAEL W. DOBBINS
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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VERIFIED CLAIM OF LEVON VARDAPETYAN

I, LEVON VARDAPETYAN, being first duly sworn, do hereby declare and state
that:

1. I currently live and reside at 13457 Montague Street, Arleta, California
91331;
2. I am making this declaration to state my claim of ownership in the above
entitled forfeiture action;
3. On December 27, 2007, I received the underlying complaint for notice of
forfeiture, previously filed on December 20, 2007;
4. I am the true and lawful owner of the above captioned United States
currency in the total amount of \$180,540.00;

5. The above-referenced currency was not obtained through illicit or otherwise illegal activity;

6. Said currency was unlawfully seized from me on July 31, 2007.

The aforementioned statements are true and correct under the penalties of perjury.

Executed: this 25th day of January, 2008, at Los Angeles, California 91206.

Dated: January 25, 2008.

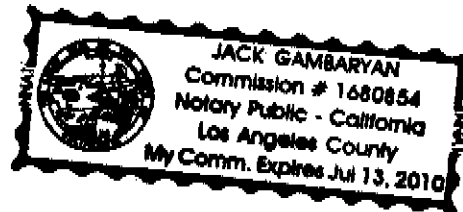
Respectfully Submitted,


LEVON YARBAPETYAN

In Pro Se
13457 Montague Street
Arleta, California 91331

Sworn and subscribed to me this 25th day of January, 2008.


Notary Public



PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Gene C. Collins, declare as follows: I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this action. My business address is 6737 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Ste., 225 North Hollywood, CA 91606. On January 25, 2008, I served a document entitled: "Verified Claim" on the interested parties by faxing and mailing a true copy thereof to the following:

Madeline Murphy, AUSA
219 South Dearborn Street, Room 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed: January 25, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.



GENE C. COLLINS